

REMARKS

The Office Action states that "Claims 1 and 48 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 5, 9-18. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed."

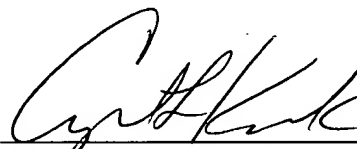
Applicants hereby elect with traverse the carrier molecule species RRMKWKK (SEQ ID NO: 2) for searching purposes only. Accordingly, claim 48 has been withdrawn from consideration, and claims 1, 47 and 49-71, which read on the elected species, will be under consideration upon entry of this amendment. It is Applicants understanding that upon allowance of the elected claims, the claims reading on the remaining species also will be searched and Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to the additional species. MPEP 803.02.

CONCLUSION

If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claim 48 has been cancelled, and claim 1 has been amended as follows.

1. A membrane translocation peptide carrier moiety ~~comprising~~ of the formula:

RRMKWKK (SEQ ID NO:2)

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~~wherein at least one amino acid residue is deleted from the amino terminus,~~ or variants thereof.